National Dailies on 6th September, 2005 and have realised an amount of Rs. 14 crore. The details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) LIC has been carrying out a pruning exercise relating to its equity exposure in illiquid/unlisted companies on a continuous basis. Such a pruning exercise is being done on a case to case basis, taking into account the latest financials available, growth prospects, acquisition cost, the net asset value of the share and also any possible listing/re-listing of the share on the Stock Exchanges.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (g) Do not arise.

Statement

List of Illiquid Equity sold on the basis of advertisement released on 6.9.2005

Sl. No.	Company Name	No. of shares	Price Sold (Rs.)/Share	Value (Rs./Lacs)
1.	Anglo-French Drugs	89800	50.00	44.90
2.	Apollo Fibres Ltd.	9404715	7.00	658.33
3.	Baroda Rayon Corp. Ltd.	2686260	5.25	141.03
4.	Gloster Jute Mills Ltd.	155632	90.00	140.07
5.	GSL (India) Ltd.	634602	1.75	11.11
6.	Kanco Enterprises Ltd.	113951	9.75	11.11
7.	Oswal Agro Mills	9266210	4.25	393.81
	Value Realised			1400.36

External experts for evaluation of infrastructure projects

4320. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether faced with tardy progress in infrastructure projects *via* the public private partnership, his Ministry has asked the core sector Ministries to set up dedicated teams of external experts that will prepare, evaluate and monitor such projects;

(b) whether the pace of projects executed under PPP has been slow with only 21 of 37 submitted proposals getting in principle approval; and

(c) if so, to what extent the Ministries have agreed to set up PPP cell with technical experts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Finance had requested all infrastructure and Economic Ministries and Departments to set up PPP Cells. Several Ministries/Departments have set up PPP Cells. Subsequently, certain Ministries were requested to consider availing assistance under the World Bank grant to strengthen their PPP Cells. A response from some Ministries has been received confirming their acceptance to the proposal. Under the VGF Scheme, 38 proposals have been received, of which "in principle" approval has been granted to 23 proposals. In the case of 5 of these proposals, the bidding process has been completed. Out of the remaining proposals, one is under active consideration, 8 are not admissible under the Scheme and 6 have outstanding issues which has been referred to the Project Authorities.

Credit flow to farmers in Andhra Pradesh

4321. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2654 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 2006 and state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested a credit flow in 2006-07 of Rs. 13,817.78 crore to 16 districts identified by Ministry of Agriculture, which have reported maximum number of suicides by farmers;

(b) the details of action taken in this regard and the amount of credit flow taken place so far, district-wise pertaining to 16 districts;

(c) if not, whether Government would assure of taking immediate steps to curb such maximum unfortunate suicidal deaths of farmers through immediate credit flow; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) As per the rehabilitation package